



Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France

THE OLD CATHEDRAL

FIRST CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER



FOUNDED IN 1770

PRESENT CHURCH DEDICATED IN 1834

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 19, 2026

PASTORAL STAFF

Archbishop of St. Louis
The Most Reverend
Mitchell T. Rozanski

Rector
Father Nicholas W. Smith
Director, Office of Sacred Worship

In Residence
Father Joseph Jiang

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM,
and 5:00 PM

Daily Masses

Monday through Friday

7:00 AM and 12:10 PM

Saturday - 7:00 AM

Live Stream Mass

7:00 AM Weekdays & 10:30 AM Sunday
Access live streams at oldcathedralstl.org

Devotions

Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesdays - 12:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Monday through Friday
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Marriage

Please arrange at least six months in
advance of the desired date.
To reserve a date, or for more
information, please contact
Tracy Marklein at 314-308-0091
tracymarklein@archstl.org

Baptisms

Sundays, following the 12:00 PM Mass
Please call 314-231-3250 to arrange

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 19

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Croxtan Family
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Theresa Ann Luczak.

5:00 PM Raymond Byrne

Monday, April 20

7:00 AM EOHSJ Legacy Society (NS)

12:10 PM Doris Hodak

Tuesday, April 21

7:00 AM Kathryn Lopez

12:10 PM Father Tom Begley

Wednesday, April 22

7:00 AM Penny Norfleet

12:10 PM Personal Intention of
Ronald Hirbe

Thursday, April 23

7:00 AM Nicholas Blevens

12:10 PM Souls in Purgatory (NS)

Friday, April 24

7:00 AM Jane Lewis

12:10 PM Denise Mattingly

Saturday, April 25

7:00 AM EOHSJ Legacy Society (NS)

5:30 PM Father Larry Huber (NS)

Sunday, April 26

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Edwina Gewinner
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Robert Proost

5:00 PM Edward Byrne

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/
Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2026

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: Easter Weekday

Tuesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: Easter Weekday

Thursday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Saturday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



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Weekly Collection Thru 4/12/2026

Online Donations	\$ 843.00
Collection	\$ 5,217.00
Total	\$ 6,060.00



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We are pleased to offer
Old Cathedral tours on the
first Sunday of the month
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Tour: May 3

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

Jesus himself drew near.

In this story of two disciples on their way to Emmaus, we hear that Jesus himself drew near and walked with them. Since they did not recognize Jesus, they explained to him all of the things that had been happening regarding Jesus the Nazarene. And then Jesus, beginning with Moses and all the prophets ... interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures.

Throughout salvation history, God in all his power draws near. God, having called Abraham to a new land, draws near to promise him that he will be the father of a great people. God, having drawn the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, draws near to his people to give his commands and lead them in the pillar of fire. God, having given his people the judges and King David, draws near to speak to his people through the prophets. God, having promised a Messiah, draws near to his people in the Incarnation. Christ, having defeated death, draws near to the disciples as they journey.

Jesus meets the disciples in their confusion and pain and speaks to them, interpreting the Scriptures so they can see God's plan and God's work more clearly. God has spoken to his people through the prophets, and now he speaks through his very Son. The disciples respond, begging Christ, Stay with us. Christ joins them at the table, takes the bread, says the blessing, breaks it, and gives it to them. They recognize him in the breaking of the bread and then he disappears. They share with each other how their hearts were burning within them, and they hurry to share this Good News with others.

In a moment, Christ will give himself to us in the breaking of the bread. Now, the question remains: Will we recognize him? Will we notice our hearts burning within us? As Bishop Barron says in his Word on Fire Bible commentary on this Gospel passage: "The Eucharist is Christ himself, personally and actively present ... This is why it is through the lens of the Eucharist that Jesus comes most fully and vividly into focus."

So let us turn our focus to Jesus, who draws near to us here today. He is truly present in this liturgy – surrounding us in the community gathered, speaking to us in the Scriptures proclaimed, giving himself to us in the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith

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*The Church's teaching on transubstantiation
can transform our work in the world*

*We face the same choice of those who
heard Jesus talk about His flesh being
the Bread of Life*

**Archbishop
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There's no way around it: We're reading the "Bread of Life" discourse from John 6 this week, and Jesus insistently draws our attention to His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

What Jesus says in John 6 matches the accounts of the Last Supper in Matthew 26, Mark 14 and Luke 22. Jesus says of the bread, "this is my Body," and He says of the wine, "this is my Blood." St. Paul recounts this same thing in 1 Corinthians 11. This is the teaching handed on to him by the earliest believers.

Jesus had the opportunity to qualify what He said about His flesh being the Bread of Life. He could have said: "I was just speaking metaphorically." He didn't. Instead, He doubled down on the literal meaning, shifting from a general term for "eating" (which might have been interpreted symbolically) to a graphic term — more like "chewing" or "gnawing" — which left no doubt about his point.

That, fundamentally, is why we talk about the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist: because He said it and clearly meant it. And it was shocking to those who first heard it. The common response is captured well in John 6:66: "After this many of His disciples drew back and no longer walked with Him." We face the same choice.

The Church developed her teaching on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist even more precisely in the doctrine of transubstantiation (see Catechism of the Catholic Church 1373-1376). In simple terms, this means that the outward appearance (in technical language, the "species") remains what it was — bread and wine — while the inward reality (in technical language, the "substance") really becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. These terms translate, into precise philosophical language, what Jesus said: this is my Body, this is my Blood, and unless you eat my Flesh and drink my Blood, you have no life in you.

Though not exactly the same, this teaching is related to the pledge of transformation that Jesus makes to us. Our outward reality can remain the same, even while the inner reality of our lives is radically transformed by faith in Jesus. We see this every time a person is baptized: They look the same before and after, but — in their deepest reality — they have become something different. St. Paul echoes this when he says: "I live now, no longer I, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

Again, though not exactly the same, this teaching is related to how as Christians we're called to interact with the world. Being a Christian doesn't mean we have to leave our secular occupation. In that sense, the "outward reality" can remain the same. But the deepest reality is that, whatever work we do, we're working to transform the world, drawing it more and more closely to the kingdom of God.

The Church's teaching on transubstantiation, then, is not some abstract doctrine with little practical import. It's grounded in Jesus' own words. It has deep implications for our identity. And it can transform our work in the world.



At the Easter Vigil this year,
our parish rejoiced in
welcoming three new members
into full communion with
the Catholic Church

Congratulations to
Lois Pierre Maulin
Thomas Johnston
Virginia Myers

Each of the new members has a unique story
of grace and discovery.

Lois Pierre Maulin, originally from the Bordeaux
region of southwestern France and currently in
St. Louis for a hospitality internship, first
encountered the faith in a simple yet profound way.

Walking past the Basilica, intrigued that it was
named after Saint Louis, he knocked on the rectory
door and said, "I want to become a Catholic." At the
Easter Vigil, Louis was baptized, confirmed, and
received his First Holy Communion.

Thomas Johnston, from Brick, New Jersey, and
a student at McKendree University in Lebanon,
Illinois, has been worshipping with us at the
Old Cathedral during his time of study. Already
baptized Catholic, Thomas completed his initiation
by receiving Confirmation and his First
Holy Communion.

Virginia "Ginny" Myers, from Florida and a student
in Father Smith's OCIA class at Saint Louis
University, was baptized in another Christian
tradition. At the Vigil, she made her Profession of
Faith, was confirmed and received her First Holy
Communion, entering into full communion
with the Church.

Their journeys reflect a broader movement of the
Holy Spirit, as Catholic churches around the world
welcomed record numbers of new members this
Easter. We give thanks for these new members of
our parish family and the witness of their faith.



Featured above:

*Father Smith, Lois Maulin and Lois' sponsor
Bill Buchholz, parishioner.*